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Applicant : David Cox  
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Title : VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF A RETAIL ITEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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Examiner : Daniel St. Cyr

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### AMENDMENT C

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 17, 2004. This response is filed within the statutory period.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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